

# Honolulu's Post COVID-19 Vaccine Framework

The City and County of Honolulu (“City”) implemented a four-tiered plan for reducing the spread of COVID-19 in City on September 23, 2020, with criteria set for loosening and tightening restrictions on businesses and activities to keep the residents of Honolulu healthy (“Original Framework”). When the Original Framework was issued, there were no federally approved COVID-19 vaccines, and the availability of such vaccines was projected for the summer of 2021. However, COVID-19 vaccines became available sooner than expected. Presently there are three federally approved COVID-19 vaccines that are being administered in the City. This availability and administration of COVID-19 vaccines warrants adjustments to the Original Framework. This framework (“Framework”) implements those adjustments.

## Goals

The City's Framework is based on increased knowledge of disease transmission, vulnerability, risk factors, community compliance, access and administration of COVID-19 vaccines, and is driven by the following goals:

- To provide simple, clear, and consistent guidelines for sectors that are currently operating;
- To provide a path for larger events to take place with reasonable restrictions on capacity (while still prohibiting uncontrolled/densely packed events from taking place); and
- To set an attainable target for the cessation of all COVID-19 related restrictions, which is based on the percentage of fully vaccinated residents (or the State of Hawai'i Department of Health (“DOH”)’s assessment of the pandemic — in the event we fall short of the target but it is deemed safe to cease all restrictions).

## The Framework

The foundation of the Framework rests on the percentage of the State population that has been fully vaccinated. The number of reported cases and positivity rate will be monitored, but will no longer dictate tier movement. However, in the case of uncontrollable and rapid spread of COVID-19 that overwhelms hospitals and/or the public health system (as guided by DOH's assessment and metrics in the HIPAM dashboard, including hospital capacity), it may become necessary to implement restrictions not contemplated by this Framework.


There are three (3) phases of the Framework that correspond to fifty percent (50%), sixty percent (60%), and seventy percent (70%) of the State population becoming fully vaccinated. When 50% of the State population has been fully vaccinated, all essential businesses and designated businesses and operations may operate, and large indoor and outdoor events, meetings, conventions, etc. may be held in accordance with the restrictions outlined in the attached Framework Matrix for Tier 4. The restrictions are reduced consistent with restrictions outlined in Tier 5 of the attached Framework Matrix when 60% of the State population has been fully vaccinated. Finally, when 70% of the State population has been fully vaccinated, all COVID-19 related restrictions will cease; or, alternately when DOH determines that it is safe, all COVID-19 related restrictions will cease.

## **The Framework applied to the current situation**

Effective immediately, the City will operate under this new Framework. The City is currently operating according to the Original Framework's Tier 3 level restrictions. In light of over 50% of the State's population now being vaccinated against COVID-19, the City will start this new Framework in Tier 4, and remain there until 60% of the State's population is fully vaccinated. Upon making the 60% threshold, the City will issue an order implementing Tier 5. The City will then remain in Tier 5 until 70% of the State's population is fully vaccinated (or the DOH determines it is safe), and all COVID-19 related restrictions will cease.

## **Public support is critical – GET VACCINATED**


The City has worked with public and private experts to develop this Framework. However, the Framework can only succeed with the public's support. There is no doubt that COVID-19 has forced us to behave contrary to our social norms and nature. That has been hard, but it has paid off. Hawaii leads the nation in its response to COVID-19. Now we must make the final push. The sooner people get vaccinated, the sooner we can reach the 70% vaccination rate and do away with all restrictions and bring life in Hawaii back to normal.

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Metrics	TIER 1	TIER 2	TIER 3	TIER 4	"TIER 5"	"NO MORE TIERS"
<b>Vaccination Rates</b> (% total State population completing series / fully vaccinated)			>45%	>50%	>60%	>70%
<b>Case Counts (7 day avg for Oahu)</b>	>100	50-100	20-49	<20	N/A	N/A
<i>Testing Positivity (7 day avg for Oahu)</i>	>5%	2.5-5%	1-2.49%	<1.0%	N/A	N/A
<b>SECTOR/BUSINESS</b>						
Social Gatherings (not otherwise addressed below)	5	5	10	10 indoors / 25 outdoors	25 indoors / 75 outdoors	No Restrictions
Parks, beaches, trails, Campgrounds	5	5	10	25	75	No Restrictions
Outdoor sports (no permits required)	5	5	10	25	75	No Restrictions
Outdoor organized team sports (permit required). Does not apply to sports associated with educational institutions.	Closed	Closed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	No Restrictions
Indoor organized sports	Closed	Closed	Closed	Allowed, spectators up to 33% (for C&C DPR, subject to availability of facility)	Allowed, spectators up to 50% (for C&C DPR, subject to availability of facility)	No Restrictions
Pools (public & private commercial)	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	No Restrictions
Shooting & archery ranges	5	5	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	No Restrictions
Public/private golf courses	Hawaii Golf Phase 2	Hawaii Golf Phase 2.5	PGA/Hawaii Phase 3	Allowed	Allowed	No Restrictions
Real estate services	Allowed, 5 indoors at a time	Allowed, 5 indoors	Allowed, 10 indoors	Allowed, 10 indoors / 25 outdoors	Allowed, 25 indoors / 75 outdoors	No Restrictions
New/used car/truck dealerships	5, Appointment Only test drive w/o sales agent	5, Appointment Only test drive w/o sales agent	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	No Restrictions
Automated service providers	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	No Restrictions
Mobile service providers	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	No Restrictions

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Retail & service (including essential businesses)	50% capacity	50% capacity	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	No Restrictions
Indoor malls	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	No Restrictions
Spiritual services	Allowed, 50% capacity	Allowed, 50% capacity	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	No Restrictions
Funerals	10	10	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	No Restrictions
Restaurants/Bars (businesses offering food or drink for <u>seated</u> on premises consumption)	At City & County of Honolulu's discretion	5, 50%	10, allowed	10 indoors / 25 outdoors, allowed	25 indoors / 75 outdoors allowed	No Restrictions
Zoos, sea life attractions, aquariums, museums, botanical gardens	5, 50% capacity limit for indoor areas	5, 50% capacity limit for indoor areas	10, allowed	10 indoors / 25 outdoors, allowed	25 indoors / 75 outdoors	No Restrictions
Other commercial attractions: water parks, cultural attractions, go kart, mini golf	5, Outdoor Only	5, allowed	10, allowed	10 indoors / 25 outdoors, allowed	25 indoors / 75 outdoors	No Restrictions
Arcades	Closed	25% capacity	50% capacity	Allowed	Allowed	No Restrictions
Bowling	5, 50% capacity limit, no food/beverages	5, 50% capacity	10, allowed	10 indoors / 25 outdoors, allowed	25, Allowed	No Restrictions
Transportation (non-essential)	5, 50% capacity	5, 50% capacity	10, allowed	10 indoors / 25 outdoors (open air), allowed	25 indoors / 75 outdoors (open air), Allowed	No Restrictions
Tours	5	5	10	10 indoors / 25 outdoors	25 indoors / 75 outdoors, Allowed	No Restrictions
Helicopter tours, plane tours, skydiving	5, 25% capacity	5, 50% capacity	10, allowed	10, allowed	25, Allowed	No Restrictions
Recreational boating (personal)	5	5	10	25	Allowed	No Restrictions

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Commercial recreational boating (Restaurant/Bar rules apply if food/beverage consumption allowed)	25%, no food/beverages in cabin	25%	50%	Allowed	Allowed	No Restrictions
Legal short-term rentals	Closed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	No Restrictions
Hair salons & barbershops & nail salons	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	No Restrictions
Personal care services	Outdoor (If outdoor not feasible due to regulatory constraints then remains Closed)	Cloth mask & faceshield for service provider. Appt only, contact info. Client must wear face covering	Cloth mask & faceshield for service provider. Appt only, contact info. Client must wear face covering	Allowed	Allowed	No Restrictions
Pet services	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	No Restrictions
Business offices	Encourage remote; CDC guidance	Encourage remote; CDC guidance	Encourage remote; CDC guidance	Encourage remote; CDC guidance	Allowed	No Restrictions
Breakrooms & conference rooms	Spaced out min 6ft or solo. Encourage outdoor break room. Face coverings if not eating/drinking	Spaced out min 6ft or solo. Encourage outdoor break room. Face coverings if not eating/drinking	Spaced out min 6ft or solo. Encourage outdoor break room. Face coverings if not eating/drinking	Spaced out min 6ft or solo. Encourage outdoor break room. Face coverings if not eating/drinking	Allowed. Encourage outdoor break room. Face coverings if not eating/drinking	No Restrictions
Movie theater	5, 50% capacity, distancing, no food drink	5, 50% capacity, distancing	10, allowed	10 indoors / 25 outdoors, allowed	25, Allowed	No Restrictions
Group physical activity classes	Outdoor, 5 (including instructor), face coverings or distancing	10 Outdoor w/mask OR distancing, 5 indoors w face coverings AND distancing	10 Outdoor w/mask OR distancing, 10 indoors w face coverings AND distancing	25 Outdoor, 10 indoors w face coverings AND distancing	Allowed with conditions	No Restrictions
Commercial gyms & fitness facilities	Outdoor	5, 25%	10, 50%	10 indoors / 25 outdoors, 50%	Allowed with conditions	No Restrictions

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Social Establishments (e.g., Dance/social/nightlife/karaoke establishments, etc. allowing for on premises consumption that are not strictly limited to seated customers)	Closed	Closed	Closed	Special Restrictions and Requirements; 50% capacity; all attendees tested or show proof of full vaccination	Special Restrictions and Requirements; 67% capacity; all attendees tested or show proof of full vaccination	No Restrictions
Static Structured Events at Venues (industry/education/entertainment)	Closed	Closed	10, static events allowed	10 indoors / 25 outdoors, static alllowed, (interactive events now under indoor/outdoor events" categories below)	25 indoors / 75 outdoors, static allowed	No Restrictions
Weddings	5 (as a social gathering)	5 (as a social gathering)	10, 100 max, outdoor only, with conditions	(a) 25, 200 max outdoor, (b) May use indoor and outdoor events categories below	(a) 75, 200 max outdoors (b) May use indoor and outdoor events categories below	No Restrictions
Indoor Events (e.g., non-static/interactive concerts, meetings, conventions, etc.)			N/A	Mitigation plan required; 50% capacity; all attendees tested or show proof of full vaccination	Mitigation plan required; 67% capacity; all attendees tested or show proof of full vaccination	No Restrictions
Outdoor Events I (more attendees than limits for social gatherings, at structured venues with CONTROLLED ingress/egress & DEFINED capacity limit)			N/A	Mitigation plan required. (a) 33% capacity (b) 67% capacity if all guests & workers are tested or show proof of full vaccination	Mitigation plan required. (a) 50% capacity (b)75% capacity if all guests & workers are tested or show proof of full vaccination	No Restrictions

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Outdoor Events II (more attendees than limits for social gatherings, w/CONTROLLED ingress/egress & NO DEFINED capacity limit for venue [fields, courtyards, etc]. Capacity limits defined here on basis of persons per square feet			N/A	(a) 30 ppl/1,000 sqft (b) 60 ppl/1,000 sqft if all attendees are tested or show proof of full vaccination	(a) 50 ppl / 1,000 sqft (b) 100 ppl / 1,000sqft if all attendees are tested or show proof of full vaccination	No Restrictions
Outdoor Events III (e.g., Markets, Craft Fairs, etc.)			Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	No Restrictions
Road Races, Triathlons, etc			Permit Required, starting group size subject to gathering size limit	Permit Required, starting group size subject to gathering size limit	Permit Required, starting group size subject to gathering size limit	No Restrictions
Notes:	In the case of uncontrollable and rapid spread of COVID-19 that threatens healthcare and/or the public health system capacity, the City and State will coordinate and implement mitigation measures not contemplated in this framework. Mitigation measures could include moving back in Tier levels or targetted mitigation measures for activities contributing to the transmission.		To advance from Tier 3 to Tier 4, the City must meet either (a) the Vaccination Rate or (b) Case Count metric for Tier 4 for at least two consecutive weekly assessments. To reach Tier 5 & "No More Tiers" the City must meet the Vaccination Rates metric irrespective of Case Counts.			

\* Each "Allowed" business/operation shall be subject to sector standards to be approved by the City & County of Honolulu ("City").

\*\*Baseline mitigation measures/sector standards apply to all sectors across tiers.

\*\*\*Group size includes employee/provider and customers/clients.

\*\*\*\*Venues with Full Testing / Vaccination

~To be eligible for the increased capacity for indoor and outdoor live events/performances and large meetings & conventions, event organizers are responsible for verifying either vaccination status or negative test result for ALL attendees. If using the increased capacity bonus, no attendees who are neither fully vaccinated nor can show proof qualifying negative test result shall be allowed on premises unless they are under 5 years of age.

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<b>Vaccination</b>	~People are considered fully vaccinated for COVID-19 at ≥2 weeks after they have received the second dose in a two-dose series or ≥2 weeks after they have received a single-dose vaccine.
<b>Vaccination verification</b>	~The following are acceptable as proof of full vaccination: Vaccination card (which includes name of person vaccinated, type of vaccine provided and date last dose administered) OR a hardcopy photo of a vaccination card as a separate document OR a photo of the attendee’s vaccine card stored on a phone or electronic device OR documentation of vaccination from a healthcare provider. Event organizers may use digital databases to collect the above acceptable proof of vaccination prior to the event.
<b>Testing</b>	~Each non-vaccinated attendee must have negative result from an FDA EUA or approved molecular or an antigen tests conducted within 48 hours before event start time.
<b>Testing verification</b>	~Printed document (from the test provider or laboratory) OR an email or text message displayed on a phone or electronic device from the test provider or laboratory. The information provided should include name of person tested, type of test performed, and date of negative test result. Testing may be conducted on site with verification by event organizer of negative result.